

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  IES UTILITIES INC. AND INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY	DOCKET NO. WRU-01-46-150
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**ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL WAIVER**

(Issued October 16, 2001)

On September 25, 2001, IES Utilities Inc. (IES) and Interstate Power Company (Interstate) filed a request to waive the November 1, 2001, date for implementing the bill estimation requirements in 199 IAC 19.3(8). The subrule requires rate-regulated utilities to incorporate normalized weather data in their calculations of estimated bills. IES and Interstate indicate that they are consolidating their billing systems into a single process by implementing the Interstate process in the IES service territory. The two companies request an extension of the implementation deadline until January 1, 2002.

The Utilities Board (Board) on October 5, 2001, issued an order granting a waiver to IES and Interstate of 199 IAC 19.10(3). This subrule required rate-regulated utilities to implement proration of natural gas bills by November 1, 2001. Both provisions were adopted by the Board and published on August 22, 2001, as amendments to the Board's rules concerning the calculation of natural gas bills.

In the preamble of the "Adopted and Filed," the Board stated that a utility could ask for waiver of the November 1, 2001, implementation date of 199 IAC 19.3(8) if

necessary. The Board finds the request for a waiver of the implementation date for the bill estimation requirements is reasonable and consistent with the Board's statements in the "Adopted and Filed." The Board finds that the waiver requirements of 199 IAC 1.3 have been met since it would be an undue hardship for the companies to consolidate their systems by November 1, 2001, and no person will be unduly prejudiced since the implementation will only be delayed. The Board understands that the consolidation and implementation of new billing systems is a complex process and that an extension beyond November 1 will allow time to complete the process.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

IES Utilities Inc. and Interstate Power Company are granted until January 1, 2002, to implement the bill estimation requirements of 199 IAC 19.3(8).

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001.